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Town of Uxbridge **Recycling & Waste Resources**

This brochure, produced by the Recycling & Sustainability Committee, includes resources available to residents for recycling and reducing waste, as well as helpful tips.

Uxbridge is currently one of only 29 cities and towns in the state which does not have a municipal trash/recycling program.





A municipal trash & recycling program in **Uxbridge would:**

- * Provide more comprehensive and balanced services
- * Reduce cost for many residents
- * Cut down on the number of trucks driving in town
- * Coordinate pickup days for neighborhoods.

According to a survey done early this year, over 80% of residents would be interested in participating in such a municipal trash and recycling program The RSC welcomes comments and questions, please contact us via email or Facebook. This will be a voluntary program and residents will have the ability to opt out.

The following haulers are currently permitted to pick-up trash & recycling in the town of Uxbridge:

A. J. Letourneau 508-791-4239 www.ajletour.com

Berkowitz 508-234-2920 www.tomberkowitztruckinginc.com

Waste Management 800-545-4560 www.wm.com

Pratt 598-987-1187 www.pratttrucking.com

Casella 508-860-2113 www.casella.com

Republic Services 508-832-9001 www.republicservices.com

EL Harvey 508-476-2343 www.elharvey.com

Valley/Lakeview 508-883-2980

As of April 1, 2018, all of these haulers are required to offer recycling services with their trash pick-up. Please contact the BOH if a hauler is not complying with this requirement (see front for contact info).

The Uxbridge Recycling & Sustainability Committee was formed to promote and improve recycling, and to reduce waste. Our mission is to help communicate the resources available to residents, and offer improvements to current processes. We're working on a variety of projects in town, and welcome community participation and engagement.

Please find us on Facebook and like the page to follow our posts about events and information. We meet monthly at the Town Hall, and the meeting dates and times can be found on the Facebook page or the town website. We would love to see or hear from you!

Together, we can help reduce waste and keep our town (and planet) greener, cleaner and healthier!







LESS energy





so FEWER fossil fuels

are burned

















Recycling Resources

Leaf/Brush Disposal & Metal Recycling

147 Hecla St Uxbridge MA 508-278-8616

Open select Tues, Sat & Sun (see website for dates)

Permit fees: Residents \$20, Commercial \$50 (plus additional fees per load for commercial)

Accepts: Leaves and grass trimmings (loose or bio bagged only-NO PLASTIC), Brush (less than 6" diameter and 8' length only), Appliances, Air Conditioners, Lawn mowers & Snow blowers (gas/oil removed) NO PROPANE TANKS, BATTERIES, TVs, MICROWAVES, COMPUTERS or TIRES

Medications & Medical Waste

Household sharps: accepted at the BOH office. Must be in approved sharps collection containers, sealed/locked and clearly labeled. Please see the town website for hours and availability.

Prescription drugs/medications: accepted 24/7 via drop box in lobby at the Uxbridge Police Station.

Plastic bag and wrap drop off

Available at most grocery & retail stores

Accepts: Retail, carryout, produce, newspaper, bread, and dry cleaning bags, Zip-top food storage bags, Plastic shipping envelopes, bubble wrap and air pillows

(deflate), Product wrap on cases of water/soda bottles, paper towels, napkins, disposable cups, bathroom tissue, diapers, and female sanitary products, Furniture and electronic wrap, Plastic cereal box liners (unless it tears like paper), Any plastic packaging or bag that has the How2Recycle Label. (Clean, dry and free of receipts, labels and clothes hangers)

Terracycle.com

Offers free & fee-based recycling for hard to recycle items. Uxbridge RSC will have collections posted on the Facebook page.

Best Buy Stores

www.bestbuy.com -> Services -> Recycle your old products All U.S. stores accept a variety of electronics, batteries, ink/toner, appliances and accessories. Please see the website for a comprehensive list, including some items accepted for a fee.

Blackstone Valley Regional Recycling Centers

Permit fees: Residents \$30 (plus list item fees) 14 Chestnut St Blackstone MA 508-876-5129

www.townofblackstone.org
Open Tues, Thu and Sat from 9AM to 3PM
*Swap/Share Shed for a limited amount of gently used,

unwanted household items*

Accepts: Motor Oil/Filters, Anti-Freeze, Yard Waste/Brush, Christmas Trees, Cell Phones, Mercury Thermostats/
Thermometers, Paint (oil based only), Dry Cell Batteries, Clothes/Shoes/Rags, Plastic Plant Pots (P1-7), Cardboard/
Paper, Eye Glasses. Other items, including bulky and hazardous waste, please see website for a list of fees.

193 Main St (accessed via Water St) Northbridge MA 508-883-1500 x129 www.northbridgemass.org/recycling-center

www.northbridgemass.org/recycling-center
Open Sat from 9 AM to 2PM. CLOSED in Jan & Feb
Accepts: Motor Oil/Filters, Anti-Freeze, Cell Phones, Mercury
Thermostats/Thermometers, Dry Cell Batteries, Clothes/Shoes/
Rags, Plastic Plant Pots (P1-7), Cardboard/Paper, Eye
Glasses. Other items, including bulky and hazardous waste,
please see website for a list of fees.

NEDT Household Hazardous Products Collection Center

83 Gilmore Dr Sutton MA 866-769-1621 www.nedt.org

Open Tues & Thur from 9AM to 4PM

Accepts: Latex & Oil-based Paints, Fertilizers, Automotive Fluids, Carpet Cleaner, Fluorescent Lamps, Computers and Electronics, Solvents/Thinners, Gasoline, Antifreeze, Furniture Cleaners/Polish, Pool Chemicals, Monitors and Televisions, Pesticides and Herbicides, Motor Oil, Corrosive Cleaners, Glue and adhesives, Driveway sealers, Batteries, Mercury/Mercury containing devices. This center charges fees for all items, please see website for fee list.

RecycleNation.com

A website that can help you locate a facility or other resource for recycling this, that, or the other thing!

It's not enough just to recycle. It's also important to

recycle right. Putting unaccepted items into your recycle bin can cause delays and add expense to the recycling process. Please contact your hauler for specific guidelines, but here are some general rules to follow.



Metal: Steel & aluminum cans and lids (if still attached), pie plates and aluminum trays.

Rinse clean, labels are OK. No foil. No paint cans, aerosol cans or propane tanks. Can be

flattened or nested to save space.

Glass: Bottles & jars and lids (if still attached)- all colors and sizes. Rinse clean, labels are OK. No light bulbs, window glass, pyrex, ceramics, mirrors, drinking glasses or vases. DO NOT BREAK GLASS.



<u>Plastic:</u> Containers marked with recycling symbol #1-7, necks, caps and lids are OK (if still attached). Rinse clean, labels are OK. **NO PLASTIC BAGS, PLANT POTS OR STYROFOAM.**

<u>Paper:</u> Newspapers with inserts, junk mail, envelopes, magazines, catalogs, phonebooks, loose paper. No plastic coated paper or

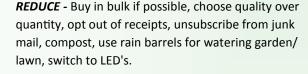


boxes, carbon paper, napkins, paper cups or plates. Shredded paper should be closed inside a paper bag . **DO NOT TIE WITH STRING.**

<u>Cardboard:</u> Boxes & corrugated panels. No wax coated, food residue or soiled pizza boxes. Cut or flatten into 2'x2' size (or

smaller). DO NOT TIE WITH STRING.

NEVER GO IN THE BIN: Hoses, diapers, straws, plastic utensils, paper towels, bags, of any kind, medical waste, food waste, Styrofoam, bubble wrap, tarps, or plastic pools.



North American bottled water companies use 1.39 liters of water to make a single 1 liter bottle of water, and over 25 billion Styrofoam cups are thrown away in the United States each year.

REUSE - Choose things that you can reuse, such as cloth towels & napkins, glass jars/containers, grocery bags, snack wraps, coffee cups, stainless steel straws, real utensils, water bottles, reusable gift wrapping.

A plastic bag from the grocery store takes between 500 and 1,000 years to decompose

RECYCLE - Make sure you recycle each and every item that can be recycled, and ask for recycling bins at your workplace or businesses that you visit.

The EPA estimates that 75% of the American waste stream is recyclable, but we only recycle about 30% of it.

